

HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

BOARD MEETING

May 20, 2019

District Office

335 Four Mile Road

Conway, SC 29526

Board of Education

Ken Richardson Janice Morreale
John Poston Neil James
Chris Hardwick Ray Winters
David Cox Shanda Allen
Holly Heniford Sherrie Todd
Janet Graham Helen Smith

Horry County Schools Staff

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As required by SC Law 30-4-80, local news media were informed of the date, time, place, and agenda of this meeting. Copies of the agenda were posted at the District Office and distributed to schools for posting.

5:00 PM - Board Dinner, District Office, Room C-107

1. OPENING AND CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Richardson called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

a. Invocation

Ms. Smith offered the invocation.

b. Presentation of Colors, Myrtle Beach High School Navy JROTC

c. Introduction of Board Members

Prior to the approval of the agenda, Mr. Richardson asked Board members to introduce themselves and indicate the areas they represent.

d. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made to amend the agenda to include Item 7, F in the Consent Agenda for education funds distribution for District 11.

Moved By: Mr. Winters

Seconded By: Ms. Allen

The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

Board Action: Carried

e. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the May 6th, 2019, minutes as presented.

Moved By: Mr. Winters

Seconded By: Ms. Allen

The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

Board Action: Carried

2. RECOGNITIONS

a. U.S. Presidential Scholar: Dash Stevanovich - Scholars Academy and Socastee High School

U.S. Presidential Scholar, Dash Stevanovich, was recognized and congratulated by the Board.

b. South Carolina Association of School Librarians (SCASL) Book Trailer Competition Winner: Aynor High School

Winners of the South Carolina Association of School Librarians (SCASL) Book Trailer Competition were recognized and congratulated by the Board.

c. Myrtle Beach High Navy JROTC National Competitive Events

The Myrtle Beach High School Navy JROTC was recognized and congratulated by the Board.

d. Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities: Brigham Freyburger - Myrtle Beach High School

Brigham Freyburger was recognized and congratulated by the Board.

e. EnergyWise Awards: Myrtle Beach Middle School and St. James Intermediate School

EnergyWise Award Winners from Myrtle Beach Middle School and St. James Intermediate School were recognized and congratulated by the Board.

f. South Carolina Band Directors Association Awards: Aynor Middle School and Ocean Bay Middle School

South Carolina Band Directors Association Award Winners from Aynor Middle School and Ocean Bay Middle School were recognized and congratulated by the Board.

g. Spearman Innovation Award: HCS Adult Education

Spearman Innovation Award Winner, HCS Adult Education, was recognized and congratulated by the Board.

h. Family Literacy Program of the Year: HCS Adult Education

Family Literacy Program of the Year Award Winner, HCS Adult Education, was recognized and congratulated by the Board.

i. Career and Technology Education (CATE) Award Winners

Career and Technical Education (CATE) Award Winners were recognized and congratulated by the Board.

j. 2018-2019 Meritorious Budget Award - Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO): HCS Budget Department

The HCS Budget Department was recognized and congratulated by the Board.

k. 2018 Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting Award - Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO): HCS Accounting Department

The HCS Accounting Department was recognized and congratulated by the Board.

l. SC Chapter National School Public Relations Association (SC/NSPRA) Awards, HCS Communications - Mr. Generette

Mr. Generette recognized the HCS Communications Department for winning 9 SC Chapter National School Public Relations Awards. The HCS Communications Department members were recognized and congratulated by the Board.

m. HCS Administrators and Athletic Directors State Honors

HCS Administrators and Athletic Directors winning State Honors were recognized and congratulated by the Board. South Carolina Athletic Administrators Association award winners were as follows: Marion Shaw, Class AAAA - Region Six, Athletic Director of the Year; and Trevor Strawderman, Class AAAA Principal of the Year. Joe Quigley was recognized for being named as the state nominee for the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Distinguished Service Award.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Charles Houser previously submitted a request to speak during Public Comments. He did not come forward when called.
- Cori Shuford previously submitted a request to speak during Public Comments. She did not come forward when called.
- Meredith Smith spoke on the topic of indoor air quality at St. James Elementary School.
- Renee Faunce spoke on the topic of ABA Therapy.

- Colleen Mills previously submitted a request to speak during Public Comments. She did not come forward when called.
- Jennifer Jackson previously submitted a request to speak during Public Comments. She did not come forward when called.
- David Warner spoke on the topic of ABA Therapy.
- Brandy Taillerer previously submitted a request to speak during Public Comments. She did not come forward when called.
- Natalia Merrole spoke on the topic of ABA Therapy.

4. **DISCUSSION**

a. **Finance Committee Report - Mr. Hardwick**

The Finance Committee was unable to meet due to the absence of a quorum.

1. **Review of 2019-2020 General Fund Budget**

A copy of the 2019-2020 General Fund Budget was provided. Mr. Hardwick noted there would be a public meeting on June 3, 2019, and budget will then go before the Board for final approval.

b. **Facilities Committee Report - Mr. James**

Mr. James gave a report from the Facilities Committee meeting held earlier today and shared highlights from the items discussed. Mr. James noted there were six topics of discussion as follows:

- the Facilities Committee approved the meeting schedule for the 2019-2020 year which calls for the committee to meet prior to the second board meeting of each month, with the exception of December when the committee will meet prior to the first scheduled meeting of that month.
- the Facilities Committee endorsed the staff's recommendation to rename the Horry County Education Center. The staff was requested to bring back a procedure for renaming the school to the June 3, 2019, Board meeting.
- The Facilities Committee heard from the staff regarding potential project delivery methods for the new Horry Education Facility. Design-Bid-Build and Integrated Project Delivery (IPD) were discussed with IPD offering the earliest delivery date of December 2020. This will be discussed later on in tonight's Board meeting.
- The Facilities Committee agreed with the staff's recommendation to consolidate 2 parcels of land owned by the District and adjoining the Conway High School property and to request that the City of Conway annex the consolidated property and zone it as Highway Commercial. The Facilities Committee also agreed with the staff's recommendation to request that the City of Conway annex the District property previously designated by the Board as the site for the new Horry County Education Center and zone it as Institutional. Both of these items will be discussed later on in tonight's Board meeting.

- The Facilities Committee heard a staff report regarding the construction of a road through a cost-sharing agreement with Beazer Homes to which the District is bound as result of the property purchased off the George Bishop Parkway for the future construction of a District-owned regional bus parking lot. The Committee discussed that a budget be established for the road at the amount of \$560,000 which includes a 10% contingency.

- Finally, The Facilities Committee discussed multiple options for funding the construction of the new Horry County Education Center based upon several options presented by the Chief Finance Officer, Mr. Gardner. The Facilities Committee proposed the funding as follows: \$3.1 million from pay-go revenue, \$900,000 from residual building fund contingencies, and \$9 million from the undesignated General Fund balance. This item will also be discussed later in tonight's Board meeting.

- Ms. Morreale raised a question regarding the Finance Committee Report pertaining to the funding of the K-12 STEM Plan budget item. Mr. Gardner confirmed that the monies would be made available for balancing the 2019-20 Superintendent's Comprehensive Budget from the undesignated fund balance. Mr. Gardner stated that he felt comfortable with the funding of the K-12 STEM Plan, and based upon history, he does not believe the District will have to utilize the undesignated fund balance in order to balance next year's budget. In the event the perfect storm occurs, and all employee vacancies were filled, the District would have one year to take corrective measures and could address any budgetary deficit either by raising revenue or decreasing expenditures. Ms. Morreale also asked that the Board consider funding the purchase of band uniforms for District band programs either through the establishment of a schedule for replacement or through a one-time replacement of all band uniforms.

c. Consider Proposal to Request City of Conway to Annex District Properties - Mr. Brown

1. HCS Records Center Property

Mr. Burch spoke on the administration's proposal to request the City of Conway to annex the HCS Records Center property. Mr. Burch noted that in 2014, the District purchased an additional 4.2 acres, but the property was not combined then with the front parcel that contains the old warehouse. The staff's recommendation was to consolidate the 2 parcels of land owned by the District, and adjoining the Conway High School property, and to request that the City of Conway annex the consolidated property and zone it as Highway Commercial.

2. Site for New Horry County Education Center

Mr. Burch spoke on the administration's recommendation to request the City of Conway to annex the site for the new Horry County Education Center. The District Office is in the city limits, but the District's adjacent parcel and intended site for the new Horry County Education Center is not. Mr. Burch noted that annexation by the city would be beneficial to the District in terms of planning, as well the addition of city water, sewer, fire, and EMS service for the property.

d. Resolution Supporting Emergency Planning and Response Efforts - Mr. Brown

As the District plays a key role in aiding the community in times of crisis, Mr. Brown requested a resolution by the Board endorsing the District's efforts to support emergency management plans and to provide reasonably safe environments for students, staff, visitors, and other stakeholders.

e. Cost Share for Road at New Regional Bus Lot - Mr. Burch

It should be noted that Mr. Poston recused himself from discussion of this item. A recusal form was submitted.

On March 18, 2019, the Horry County Board of Education voted to purchase 39.3 acres of property on George Bishop Parkway for the purpose of a future regional bus lot. As part of this purchase, the District is contractually bound through a cost share agreement already in place on the property to fund 50% of a road accessing the site and adjacent sites. As a legal party to the cost share agreement, Beazer Homes served notice to the previous owners of the 39.3 acre site in late 2018, and subsequently notified the District, of their intent to construct the road. Both parties are required to use reasonable diligence in completing these road improvements. Beazer Homes has full construction drawings, which are already approved and permitted, ready for the road construction and have solicited a number of bids from competent general contractors. Their intent is to start construction on the road immediately. The estimated total cost of the road construction is around \$1.2 million with the District's portion being approximately \$560,000. The District's portion, which includes a 10% contingency, will be funded through the Building Modification Fund.

f. Designation of Funding Source for Construction of New Horry County Education Center - Mr. Gardner

At the January 28, 2019, Board meeting, the Board approved the Finance Committee's recommendation to utilize the "Pay-As-You-Go" option as the funding model for the 5-Year Capital Plan.

At the March 4, 2019, Board meeting, the Board approved the Prioritized 5-Year Capital Plan project list with the exclusion of funding or construction estimates except for the construction of the new Horry County Education Center in the amount of \$13M and the purchase of modular classrooms in the amount of \$15.8M. As referenced earlier in the Facilities Committee report, the following is recommended as a breakdown of funding resources for the \$13 million dollar construction of a new Horry County Education Center:

Current Short-term Facilities Plan: \$ 3,100,000

Residual Capital Improvement Funds: \$ 900,000

Undesignated General Fund Balance: \$ 9,000,000

g. Funding Flexibility - Mr. Gardner

The District provides a full-day early childhood program for 1,060 students. The funding for this program is provided through Title I and the Four-Year Old Early Childhood funds. For the past several years, the District utilized a larger portion of Title I funds for this program which resulted in carryover funds in the Four-Year Old Early Childhood funds.

The administration recommended that the District utilize the funding flexibility provision and transfer \$1,900,000 to the EIA initiative: Aid to Districts where a larger population can be served. This will assist in providing help to all students, not one specific area.

h. Authorizing Expenditures from Revenues Collected from the Education Capital Improvement Sales and Use Tax - Mr. Gardner

The Education Capital Improvement Sales and Use Act approved on November 4, 2008, authorizes the District to utilize the sales tax revenue to pay debt service on bonds to be issued, to pay debt service on bonds previously issued, and directly pay costs of projects authorized in the referendum question. The administration recommended that the Board authorize the expenditure of not to exceed \$28,800,000 from Sales Tax Revenues for the direct payment of costs for Approved Projects including classroom & instructional technology and the short-term facilities plan.

i. Advisory Boards - Mr. Poston

Mr. Poston shared the policy regarding Advisory Boards. Mr. Poston remarked the District provides a training program for Advisory Board members to serve on District Appeal Boards and noted that filling these spots as soon as possible would allow for the Advisory Board members to be trained appropriately.

j. Superintendent's Report

1. Graduation Ceremonies and Senior Celebrations

Dr. Maxey noted that senior celebrations are scheduled beginning next week, with high school graduations the following week. A schedule of the events was shared previously with Board members.

2. Horry County Education Center: Community Service Data

Dr. Maxey shared a list of the various organizations who are benefactors of the community service component required of Horry County Education Center students. Dr. Maxey praised the students and shared that 5,405.5 hours of documented community service have occurred thus far this school year.

3. Status of 2019-2020 Reconfiguration of Myrtle Beach Area Elementary Schools

The new elementary grade-level configurations for Myrtle Beach area schools were outlined and shared through a slide presentation. Mr. Porter noted that as a result of this preparation that he hoped for a seamless and effective transition.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Consideration of Student Appeal

b. Discussion of Personnel Matter

A motion was made to move into Executive Session at 8:05 PM. It should be noted that Mr. Poston and Mr. Winters recused themselves from Item 5, A. Recusal forms were submitted.

Moved By: Mr. Hardwick

Seconded By: Ms. Smith

The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

Board Action: Carried

A motion was made to adjourn the Executive Session at 8:44 PM to reconvene the meeting. It should be noted Ms. Heniford did not return to the meeting following the Executive Session due to illness.

Moved By: Ms. Graham

Seconded By: Ms. Smith

The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

Board Action: Carried

6. BUSINESS

a. Consideration of Student Appeal

A motion was made to return the student to base school on probation for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year. It is documented that the time out of school is considered time served. It should be noted that Mr. Poston and Mr. Winters recused themselves from voting on this issue. Recusal forms were submitted.

Moved By: Mr. Hardwick

Seconded By: Mr. James

The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

Board Action: Carried

b. Preliminary Approval of the 2019-2020 Superintendent's Comprehensive Budget - Mr. Gardner

Mr. Gardner provided a copy of the budget proposed for a total of \$683,506,008. There will be a public hearing on June 3, 2019, before seeking final approval.

Moved By: Mr. Hardwick

Seconded By: Ms. Graham

The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

Board Action: Carried

c. Consideration to Use the Integrated Project Delivery Method (IPD) for the New Horry County Education Center Facility - Mr. Wolfe

Mr. Wolfe stated that utilizing the Integrated Project Delivery Method would be the best solution to improve the pace at which the Horry County Education Center is completed. Mr. Wolfe addressed the Board seeking approval to move forward with utilizing this method.

Moved By: Mr. James

Seconded By: Mr. Hardwick

The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

Board Action: Carried

7. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Personnel Recommendations As Required By Law

b. Monitoring Report: OE-5 Financial Planning

- c. **Education Fund Allocation - District 7**
- d. **Education Fund Allocation - District 5**
- e. **Education Fund Allocation - District 4**

A motion was made to approve the Agenda items as presented. It should be noted Mr. James recused himself from voting on item 7, A.

Moved By: Ms. Morreale

Seconded By: Ms. Allen

The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

Board Action: Carried

8. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 PM.

Moved By: Mr. Poston

Seconded By: Mr. Hardwick

The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

Board Action: Carried

9. UPCOMING MEETINGS

- a. **Human Resources Committee Meeting - June 3, 2019, 4:00 PM, District Office**
- b. **Board Work Session/Special-Called Meeting - June 3, 2019, 6:00 PM, District Office**

Respectfully submitted,



Heidi Oates

Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Horry County Board of Education

APPROVED: JUNE 3, 2019